

**RENO CITY COUNCIL
BRIEF OF MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2002
(Official Minutes in City Clerk's Office)**

The Regular Meeting of the Reno City Council was called to order at 12:05 p.m. on March 12, 2002 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

PRESENT: Council Members Hascheff, Harsh, Rigdon, Sferrazza-Hogan, Doyle, Aiazzi and Griffin.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager McNeely, Deputy City Attorney Halley and City Clerk Cook.

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2B APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - March 12, 2002

Mayor Griffin pointed out that Items 9A and 14C have been withdrawn from the Agenda.

It was moved by Councilperson Hascheff, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

3 *Public Comment - Limited to No More Than three (3) Minutes And Limited to Items That Do Not Appear on The Agenda. Comments to Be Addressed to The Council as a Whole. The public may comment on agenda items by submitting a Request to Speak form to the City Clerk. Comment on agenda items is limited to no more than three minutes.

The following individuals addressed the Council and voiced their support for City Manager Charles McNeely:

Lonnie Jackson, 3310 Lodestar Lane
Jerry Purdy, 3141 Platte River Drive
Eddie Anderson, 14015 Rhyolite
Onie Cooper, no address given
Rev. Don Butler, 1995 Carville Drive
Pastor Robert Owens, 14290 Domingo Court

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3 Public Comment, continued:

Gail Conkey, 5365 Mae Anne Avenue
Harry York, Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce
Tom Powell, 961 Matley Lane
Glenn Dawson, 500 Damonte Ranch Parkway #735
Tonya Drake, P.O. Box 11010
Bob Rusk, of the Truckee River Lodging House
Mary Velencia, 312 Hunter Lake
Tom Stoneburner, 1101 Riverside Drive
Rev. Glenn Taylor, 910 Autumn Hills Drive
Lonnie Feemster, 7995 Pyramid Hwy.
Patrick Robinson, of NOBLE
Paul Mitchell, 5768 Golden Eagle Drive
Roberta Ross, 118 West Street
Bernice Mathews, P.O. Box 7176

The following individuals expressed their concern over current City of Reno Government:

Guy Felton, 1220 Salem
Sam Dehne, Reno Citizen
William Puchert, 336 Mary Street

No action was taken on this item.

4A APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 26, 2002

This Item was continued to the next meeting.

4B CASH DISBURSEMENTS - February 17, 2002 through March 1, 2002

It was moved by Councilperson Hascheff, seconded by Councilperson Doyle to approve the Cash Disbursements as submitted.

Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan indicated that she would abstain on the Cash Disbursements that were her advances.

Motion carried.

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CONSENT AGENDA

6A Staff Report: Business License Applications.

Recommended: Council approve the business license applications as submitted.

6B Staff Report: Bid Awards - 2002 Neighborhood Street Program Contract Numbers 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, and 1091.

Recommended: Council approve the Contracts.

6C Staff Report: Bid Award - Mary Gojack Park - Parking Lot Improvement Project.

Recommended: Council award the bid to Cruz Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$73,986.50.

6D Staff Report: Professional Services Agreement for the Design of the Truckee River Park at Wingfield.

Recommended: Council approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

6E Staff Report: Contract for Veterinarian Services at Reno Animal Services.

Recommended: Council accept the contract for veterinarian services with Dr. Maureen Adams and the proposed fee structure for inoculations.

6F Staff Report: Extension of Military Differential Pay for September 11 Event Call-ups.

Recommended: Council approve the extension of military differential pay.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 6D, 6E and 6F which were pulled for separate discussion.

Motion carried.

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6D Staff Report: Professional Services Agreement for the Design of the Truckee River Park at Wingfield, continued:

In response to Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan, Ms. Nancy McCartney, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services indicated that this contract is only for \$132,000.00 and if other entities express interest to become involved the contract will be brought back to Council.

It was moved by Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan, seconded by Councilperson to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

Motion carried.

6E Staff Report: Contract for Veterinarian Services at Reno Animal Services, continued:

_____ Lt. Jake Wiskerchen, Reno Police Department, outlined the contract and time line for Councilperson Doyle.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to accept the contract for veterinarian services with Dr. Maureen Adams and the proposed fee structure for inoculations.

Motion carried.

6F Staff Report: Extension of Military Differential Pay for September 11 Event Call-ups, continued:

_____ In response to Councilperson Doyle, City Manager McNeely indicated that any changes to the military pay differential will be brought back to the Council for approval.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to approve the extension of military differential pay.

Motion carried.

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8C1 Staff Report: Downtown Events Center Operating Agreement with the Reno/Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and the City of Reno.

Mr. Charles Johnson, Consultant, outlined the agreement and the objectives and responsibilities of each entity contained in the operating agreement. He noted that at a meeting of the RSCVA held on March 9th, several amendments were made to the agreement and he believes a joint meeting between the City Council and the RSCVA is necessary to discuss and resolve the recent changes to the agreement.

Ms. Candice Pearce, 4000 Goodsell Lane, indicated that she is extremely opposed to the City funding a Special Events Center for Downtown Properties. She added that if the Downtown Casinos want a special events center, they should pay for it.

Mr. Don Robb, P.O. Box 140, spoke in opposition of using the Bowling Stadium as part of the Special Events Center.

Mr. Sam Dehne, Reno Citizen, stated that he supports the Convention Center in downtown Reno.

Mr. Stephen Mollath, Attorney representing Atlantis, Peppermill and Nugget Hotel/Casinos, expressed several legal concerns with respect to the process and what was authorized under SB 221. He stated that a Business Impact Statement needs to be done as a part of this project

Mr. Mike Tracy, Northwest Reno resident, questioned the projected revenue stream that will pay for the events center.

Mr. Bill Bielser, representing Citizen's for Good Government, spoke in support of the Special Events Center and stated that it is very necessary for downtown businesses.

Mr. Eddie Anderson, 14015 Rhyolite Drive, urged the Council to move forward with the events center.

Mr. John Francovich, representing Newco, encouraged the Council to hold a joint meeting with the RSCVA to resolve the differences with respect to the operating agreement so that it can be finalized.

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A recess was called at 2:00 p.m. and upon reconvening at 2:15 roll was taken with the following Council members present: Hascheff, Harsh, Rigdon, Sferrazza-Hogan, Doyle, Aiazzi, and Mayor Griffin. Absent: None.

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COUNCILPERSONS HARSH AND SFERRAZZA-HOGAN PRESENT 3:26 P.M.

13 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 13A** Staff Report: Request for a zoning map amendment to amend the Double Diamond Ranch Planned Unit Development Handbook by allowing a standard residential development as an alternative to the active adult community within Phase IV. This alternative would include (A) no increase in density; (B) realignment of Wilbur May Boulevard; and (C) elimination of open space within Phase IV located east of Wilbur May Boulevard and south of Carat Avenue. Case No. LDC02-00191 (Double Diamond Ranch PUD Amendment).

Mayor Griffin asked if proper notice had been given. City Clerk Cook stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone cared to speak. Hearing no one he closed the public hearing.

Councilperson Rigdon pointed out that several issues have been raised by constituents with respect to the development of this PUD and he would like to continue this item for two weeks.

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Doyle to continue this item to March 26, 2002.

Motion carried.

13 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 13B** Staff Report: Request for a zoning map amendment from IB (Industrial Business) to IC (Industrial Commercial) on ±1.6 acres, located on the west side of Matley Lane, ±400 feet south of Mill Street. Case No. LDC02-00235 (925 Matley Lane).

Mayor Griffin asked if proper notice had been given. City Clerk Cook stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone cared to speak. Hearing no one he closed the public hearing.

13B Staff Report: Case No. LDC02-00235 (925 Matley Lane), continued:

Motion carried.

- Motion carried.

Motion carried.

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- 13C1** Resolution No. 5946 - Resolution to amend Resolution No. 5673 by adopting a change to the Stead Neighborhood Plan, a part of the Reno Master Plan as approved in Case No. LDC02-00280.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5946.

Motion carried.

- 13C2** Bill No. 5849 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 18.06 of the Reno Municipal Code, entitled "Zoning", rezoning a ± 1.20 acre site located on the west side of Moya Boulevard and extending $\pm 1,650$ feet north of Echo Avenue from PF (Public Facility) to I (Industrial) on ± 0.80 acres of a ± 19.16 acre site; and I (Industrial) to PF (Public Facility) on ± 0.40 acres of a ± 0.80 acre site; together with other matters properly relating thereto.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to refer Bill No. 5849 to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried.

13 **PUBLIC HEARING**

- 13D** Staff Report: Request for abandonment of a $\pm 2,448$ square foot (204' x 12') portion of Bagpipe Circle, ± 511 square foot (53' x 7') portion of Banjo Drive, and ± 595 square foot (85' x 7') and 270 square foot (35' x 7.7') portions of Keyboard Terrace, within the platted but unbuilt Silver Terrace subdivision located between the north end of Sierra Sage Golf Course (Stead) and Moya Boulevard. Case No. LDC02-00281 (Silver Terrace Subdivision/Bagpipe).

Mayor Griffin asked if proper notice had been given. City Clerk Cook stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone cared to speak. Hearing no one he closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve Case No. LDC02-00281.

Motion carried.

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12 **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

12C Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding a marketing plan for downtown - S. Doyle.

Councilperson Doyle outlined the marketing plan for downtown. She indicated that the City of Reno 2002 Calendar has been such a success and so many positive comments have been received about the historic photos and articles contained in the calendar, she would like the marketing plan to focus on the City 's history and future. She added that she would like to involve the Historic Resources Commission to help in the development of the plan as well as include "man on the street surveys" and "report cards" for the City.

Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan indicated that she is very opposed to this type of marketing campaign during an election year. She also pointed out that this suggestion is very much like the "Just Imagine" proposal that was brought to Council several months ago and she does not believe this would be an appropriate use of staff time.

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to refer this item to staff for further review.

Motion carried with Councilpersons Harsh and Sferrazza-Hogan voting Nay.

11 **CITY CLERK**

11A3 Boards and Commission Appointments - Northeast Neighborhood Advisory Board

It was moved by Councilperson Doyle, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to appoint Gaye Canepa to the Northeast Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Councilperson Aiazzi stated that he does not believe there is a waiver in the by-laws of the Neighborhood Advisory Boards to appoint an individual who does not live in the appropriate Ward. He also noted that were other applicants who do live in the Ward and were not appointed.

Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan asked if Councilperson Doyle would be willing to bring this matter to the Northeast Neighborhood Advisory Board for their input.

Councilperson Doyle indicated that the Board has already nominated her co-chair so there is no reason to bring it before them.

Motion carried with Councilpersons Sferrazza- Hogan and Aiazzi voting Nay.

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COUNCILPERSON DOYLE ABSENT 3:58 P.M.

- 12D** Discussion and Direction to Staff regarding possible changes to the Cell Tower Ordinance. - P. Hascheff.

Councilperson Hascheff outlined his proposal for the Council.

Mr. Doug Smith, representing Citizen's for a Scenic Northern Nevada, spoke in support of moving forward with looking a possible changes to the ordinance.

It was moved by Councilperson Hascheff, seconded by Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan to direct staff to return to the Council within 45 days with the time line and the costs in order to meet with Washoe County and the City of Sparks to develop a regional approach to cell tower locations. The charge given to staff would be to provide a regional map to determine cell tower locations, what could be done to streamline the process and what incentives could be provided to the industry to relocate and co-locate the towers in a way that is less obtrusive.

It was also noted that staff should not spend more than 30 hours on this project.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

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RESOLUTIONS

- 7A** Resolution No. 5947 - Resolution making a Provisional Order to the Effect that the work of acquisition and improvement of a Street Project within the Proposed City of Reno, Nevada 2002 Special Assessment District No. 2 shall be done; together with other matters properly relating thereto.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5947.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

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- 7B** Resolution No. 5948 - Resolution approving the cost to be assessed in the City of Reno, Nevada 2001 Special Assessment District No. 1 (Three Separate Street Projects in the northeast quadrant of the City), and ordering the City Engineer to prepare a preliminary Assessment Roll.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5948.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

- 7C** Resolution No. 5949 - Resolution amending Resolution No. 5719 establishing fees for inoculations performed in conjunction with the Animal Services Division.

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to pass and adopt Resolution No. 5949.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

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SECOND READING ORDINANCES

- 8A** Bill No. 5845 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 18.06 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled "Zoning", by rezoning a ±43.28 acre site located at the present terminus of Pine Haven Road immediately south of Caughlin Ranch from LLR-2.5 (Large Lot Residential - 2.5 acres) to PUD (Planned Unit Development); together with other matters properly relating thereto. Case No. LDC01-00413 (Quail Valley in the Pines).

It was moved by Councilperson Harsh, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to pass and adopt Bill No. 5845, Ordinance No. 5314.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

- 8B** Bill No. 5847 - Ordinance to amend Chapter 18.06 of the Reno Municipal Code, entitled "Zoning", rezoning ±140 acres located along the north side of Las Brisas Boulevard at its intersection with Robb Drive from LLR-.5 (Large Lot Residential - .5 acre) and LLR-2.5 (Large Lot Residential - 2.5 acres) to SF9 (Single Family Residential - 9,000 sq. ft.) on ±45.62 acres and OS (Open Space) on ±95.09 acres; together with other matters properly relating thereto. Case LDC02-00152 (Wade Development/Granite Ridge)

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to pass and adopt Bill No. 5847, Ordinance No. 5315.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

FIRST READING ORDINANCES

- 9A** Bill No. Ordinance establishing a reserve for the payment of the “City of Reno, Nevada, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2002”; together with other matters properly related thereto.

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

- 9B** Bill No. 5848 - Ordinance amending Title 12 of the Reno Municipal Code entitled “Public Works and Utilities” by repealing Sections, 12.28.710 to 12.28.755, to Chapter 12.28 “Maintenance Districts of Landscaping, Public Lighting, and Security Walls’ establishing a Maintenance District for Property known as Morningstar at Northgate Units #2 and #3, and other matters properly relating thereto.

In response to Councilperson Rigdon, Mr. Jeff Mann, Parks Manager, stated that the Homeowners Association would return to re-create this district.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to pass and adopt Bill No. 5848.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

- 9C** Bill No. 5849 - Ordinance amending Title 2, Chapter 2.20 of the Reno Municipal Code by amending Section 2.20.190 entitled “Campaign Contributions and Expenditures; Reports Required” and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Mr. Don Cook, City Clerk, indicated that this ordinance would make the City of Reno deadlines coincide with what the State of Nevada prescribes.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to refer Bill No. 5849 to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

- 9D** Bill No. Ordinance creating the “City of Reno, Nevada, Stabilization and Construction Account”; providing the terms and conditions of the account; and providing other matters properly relating thereto. (Downtown Events Center).

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 10A** Staff Report: Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Southeast Reno for FY 2001-2002.

Ms. Stephani Kane, of Community Development, outlined the program for Council.

Council requested that staff return with the costs associated with constructing sidewalks on both sides of Yori Avenue.

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10A Staff Report: Neighborhood Revitalization Program in Southeast Reno for FY 2001-2002,continued:

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to approve the staff recommendation and direct staff to return with the costs for all needed improvements.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

11 CITY CLERK

11A1 Boards and Commission Appointments - Financial Advisory Board.

It was moved by Councilperson Hascheff, seconded by Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan to appoint Denise Jacobsen to the Financial Advisory Board.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

11A2 Boards and Commission Appointments - Urban Forestry Commission

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Sferrazza-Hogan to appoint Timothy Garcia-Jay, Nora Jane Bittick, and Gene LeBlanc to the Urban Forestry Commission.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

11A4 Boards and Commission Appointments - Ward 2 Neighborhood Advisory Board

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to appoint Mr. Jim Newberg (currently a member of the Ward 3 NAB) to this board.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

12 **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

12A Discussion and possible action regarding Council Member's Boards and Commissions liaison/member assignments, including, but no limited to, the Regional Planning Governing Board.

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to continue this item until the next meeting.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

12B Resolution No. 5950 - Resolution to Reaffirm strong opposition to the Transportation and Storage of Nuclear Waste in Nevada (Yucca Mountain).

It was moved by Mayor Griffin, seconded by Councilperson Aiazzi to pass adopt Resolution No. 5950.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

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- 12E** Discussion and Possible Action on Regional Plan and Consolidation Proposal. P. Hascheff
Diamond Ranch PUD Amendment.

Mr. John Hester, Planning Director, responded to questions from the Council regarding possible consolidation.

Councilperson Hascheff requested that this item be placed on the next Joint Meeting with Washoe County for discussion.

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A recess was called at 5:10 p.m. and upon reconvening at 6:08 p.m. roll was taken with the following Council Members present: Hascheff, Harsh, Rigdon, Sferrazza-Hogan, Aiazzi and Griffin. Absent: Council Member Doyle.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 14B** Staff Report: Request for the following: (A) special use permits to: (1) construct a ±132,860 square foot mini-warehouse and recreational vehicle storage facility within the SF6 zone; (2) construct the facility adjacent to both residentially zoned property and a major arterial (U.S. 395); and (3) allow a 144 square foot pole sign which will be within 100 feet of the freeway right-of-way and visible from the travel lanes of the freeway (U.S. 395); (B) variances to: (1) allow a 144 square foot, 45 foot tall pole sign adjacent to the freeway in addition to the 50 square foot, 6 foot tall monument sign allowed by code; (2) allow the pole sign to be internally illuminated; and (3) to exceed by 44 square feet the 150 square feet of freestanding sign area allowed (194 total square feet of freestanding sign area); and (C) abandonment of ±39, 413 square feet of Silver Lake Boulevard (18 feet wide by 2,200 feet long) adjacent to and east of the ±9 acre site located on the northeast corner of the U.S. 395/Red Rock Road intersection in the SF6 (Single Family - 6,000 sq. ft.) zone. Case No. LDC02-00236 (Red Rock Mini-Warehouses).

Mayor Griffin asked if proper notice had been given and letters in opposition were received from Ed White, 8171 Monterey Shores Drive; Arlene Gresham, 8431 Silver Shores Drive and Heidi Lawson, 9950 N. Virginia Street. He also stated that a request was made to continue this item to the March 26, 2002 meeting.

The Mayor declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone cared to speak.

Mr. Brian Mullen, 8071 Monterey Shores Drives, urged the Council to deny the request for the pole sign and the abandonment.

Mayor Griffin asked if anyone else would not be able to attend the March 26, 2002 meeting and wished to speak at this meeting.

It was moved by Councilperson Rigdon, seconded by Councilperson Hascheff to continue this item to the March 26, 2002 Council Meeting.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

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- 14C** Staff Report: Appeal of Order to Remove Gate across the City's access easement to the Steamboat Ditch Trail at 2805½ Skyline Boulevard - Tricia C. Russell.

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA.

- 14A** Staff Report: Public Hearing on a street project within the proposed 2002 Special Assessment District No. 1 (Evans and Ninth Streets).

Mayor Griffin asked if proper notice had been given. City Clerk Cook stated that proper notice was given and no correspondence was received.

The Mayor asked if anyone cared to speak on this issue. Hearing no one he closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Councilperson Aiazzi, seconded by Councilperson Rigdon to proceed with the formation of the RTC/City of Reno, Nevada 2002 Special Assessment District No. 1 and direct staff to draft a resolution which confirms the Council's decision.

Motion carried with Councilperson Doyle absent.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES

- 8C** Bill No. 5846 - Ordinance designated as the "2002 Capital Improvement Revenue Bond Ordinance;" authorizing the issuance of the "City of Reno, Nevada, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2002" for the purpose of financing the acquisition, establishment, construction, expansion, equipment and improvement of Capital Improvement Projects; providing the form, terms and conditions of the bonds, the method of their payments and the security therefore, and other details in connection therewith; and providing the effective date hereof. (Downtown Events Center).

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.